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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 10, 2002, applicant elects Group I, claims 1 and 8-16 drawn to industrial conversion of carbohydrates, alcohols, aldehydes or polyhydroxy compounds in aqueous phase using metal catalysts formed from polymer stabilized nanoparticles.

The Restriction Requirement is not traversed.

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